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Mr. Chandler

I hope I am addressing this to the correct individual, if not could you please forward it on to the appropriate person. I have a concern related to CC Docket No 98-67, regarding the opposition to extending the speed of answer waiver until Jan 1, 2006.

I am in support of extending the waiver as I believe time is needed to increase the supply to match the demand of qualified interpreters to provide VRS services. The opposition stated numbers of Certified Interpreters through RID as well as NAD and then stated that "RID Associated members are also qualified to Interpret VRS Calls". I believe this is an erroneous statement. This statement would be the equivalent to saying an unlicensed Doctor, Lawyer or Teacher is just as qualified to provide services. A RID associate member is non certified and therefore the equivalent of an unlicensed professional. I believe VRS consumers deserve the same quality service other professionals are expected to provide. In that case the oppositions number of qualified Interpreters to provide VRS Services was greatly exaggerated.

Sincerely
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